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MARCH MILK PRICES INCREASED FROM FEBRUARY

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during March were up from a month earlier, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The price of hay, potatoes, and apples also increased. The price of corn decreased. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$21.30 per hundredweight of milk sold during March, up \$1.70 from February and \$5.20 more than March a year ago.

Grain corn, at \$6.40 per bushel, was down 4 cents from February but increased \$2.62 from last year. Hay averaged \$116.00 per ton, up \$4 from February but \$3 lower than prices received March 2010. Potatoes averaged \$14.10 per hundredweight, up 10 cents from February and up \$1.70 from last year at this time. Apples, at 26.0 cents per hundredweight, were up 1.3 cents from February and 6.0 cents from last year.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 174 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 7 points (4.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, broilers, milk, and lettuce and lower prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and cotton. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of strawberries, soybeans, tomatoes, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, cotton, and wheat. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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